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To Whom It May Concern,

The intent of this letter is to comment on the proposed FCC Docket 92-235.

On behalf of Knappa-Svensen-Burnside Rural Fire Protection District I would like to voice my opposition to FCC Docket 92-235.

Although I sympathize with the larger Metropolitan areas as to their lack of ability to have adequate radio frequencies available to them, they are generally closer to their dispatch facilities, have duplex capability, and therefore do not require as high output on base radios.

On the other hand, smaller, rural, more remote areas need the added power for their systems, (most of which are simplex systems) to communicate effectively with their dispatch center.

Smaller rural areas do not have the funding to completely replace their communications systems to compensate for the lack of planning and foresight of the larger metropolitan cities.

It is my feeling that personal safety of Emergency Service Workers will be significantly compromised in rural America if this docket is approved and smaller rural areas are limited to a reduced radio power.

For these reasons I must stand in opposition to FCC Docket 92-235 unless the Federal Government is willing to finance the entire cost of transition to accomplish this unreasonable radio spectrum re-organization.

Sincerely,

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Fire Chief